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1. There is at present no serious division among the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) leaders. However, certain differences do exist:

- At party conferences Vo Nguyen Giap's ideas usually differ from those of Truong Chinh. Chinh's proposals usually prevail since he has the strongest support from the Communist Party of Indochina (PCI).
- Nguyen Khanh Toan, Secretary of Education, is disliked by all members of the Central Executive Committee of the PCI. They regard him as bourgeois and they particularly object to his daughter's marriage to a rich landowner in Phu Tho.
- The PCI carefully watches Hoang Van Duc, Director General of Public Works, and Vu Dinh Hoc, Minister of Justice, because these two men are the only members of the Democratic Party who still object to DRV collaboration with Chinese Communists.
- Another who objects to DRV policy towards the Chinese Communists are Dr. Huu Chuong, Director of the Civil Medical Bureau in Interzone III and former Deputy Governor of North Vietnam during the Japanese occupation.

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Comment. Many channels have been reporting friction within the DRV. This report is presented because it seems to bear some relation to probability. The differences cited are logical and certainly represent no great division within the DRV.

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